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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vehicle permit requirements for equipment
2 used primarily for construction of permanent conservation
3 practices on agricultural land.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.453, Code 2014, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.453 Exceptions.**

4 The provisions of this chapter governing size, weight, and
5 load, and the permit requirements of chapter 321E do not apply
6 to fire apparatus; road maintenance equipment owned by, under
7 lease to, or used in the performance of a contract with any
8 state or local authority; ~~or to implements of husbandry when~~
9 ~~moved or moving upon a highway, except for those implements of~~
10 ~~husbandry moved or moving on any~~ that is not a portion of the
11 interstate; and or equipment used primarily for construction
12 of permanent conservation practices on agricultural land when
13 moved or moving upon a highway that is not a portion of the
14 interstate, except as provided in sections 321.463, 321.471,
15 and 321.474. A vehicle, that is carrying an implement of
16 husbandry, which or equipment used primarily for construction
17 of permanent conservation practices and is exempted from the
18 permit requirements under this section shall be equipped
19 with an amber flashing light visible from the rear. If the
20 amber flashing light is obstructed by the loaded implement or
21 equipment, the loaded implement or equipment shall also be
22 equipped with and display an amber flashing light. The vehicle
23 shall also be equipped with warning flags on that portion of
24 the vehicle which protrudes into oncoming traffic, and shall
25 only operate from thirty minutes prior to sunrise to thirty
26 minutes following sunset.

27 **EXPLANATION**

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 Under current law, Code provisions governing the size,
31 weight, and load of vehicles and the permit requirements for
32 oversize and overweight vehicles do not apply to certain
33 equipment, including implements of husbandry moved or moving
34 upon the highway. The exemption does not apply to vehicles on
35 an interstate highway, and the exemption is subject to certain

1 restrictions that may be imposed by state or local authorities
2 in specific situations. This bill allows the same exemption
3 for equipment used primarily for construction of permanent
4 conservation practices on agricultural land. A vehicle
5 carrying such equipment must be equipped with an amber flashing
6 light visible from the rear, and if the amber flashing light
7 is obstructed by the loaded equipment, the equipment must also
8 display an amber flashing light. Warning flags are required
9 on the portion of the vehicle that protrudes into oncoming
10 traffic, and the vehicle may only be operated from 30 minutes
11 prior to sunrise to 30 minutes following sunset.

12 The bill does not limit the ability of state or local
13 authorities to impose restrictions on the movement of
14 equipment used primarily for construction of permanent
15 conservation practices for limited periods of time when special
16 circumstances exist.